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THE HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

ORIGINS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his pals are the only force able to stand up to the evil scientist, Dr. Eggman!

The evil doctor's forces of world domination have tried time and time again to enslave the free creatures of the planet and to conquer anything or anyone in their path!

Only the super-speedy heroics of everyone's favorite blue hedgehog have saved the day (and looked way cool while doing it)!

While Sonic and the Freedom Fighters may be veteran heroes now, their lifestyle of performing super heroics was not something they were simply born into. For team members Sally Acorn and Rotor the Walrus, the journey to form and join the Freedom Fighters was a path they found for themselves. **Little did they know that their lives would change forever...**

WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WORLD HERO



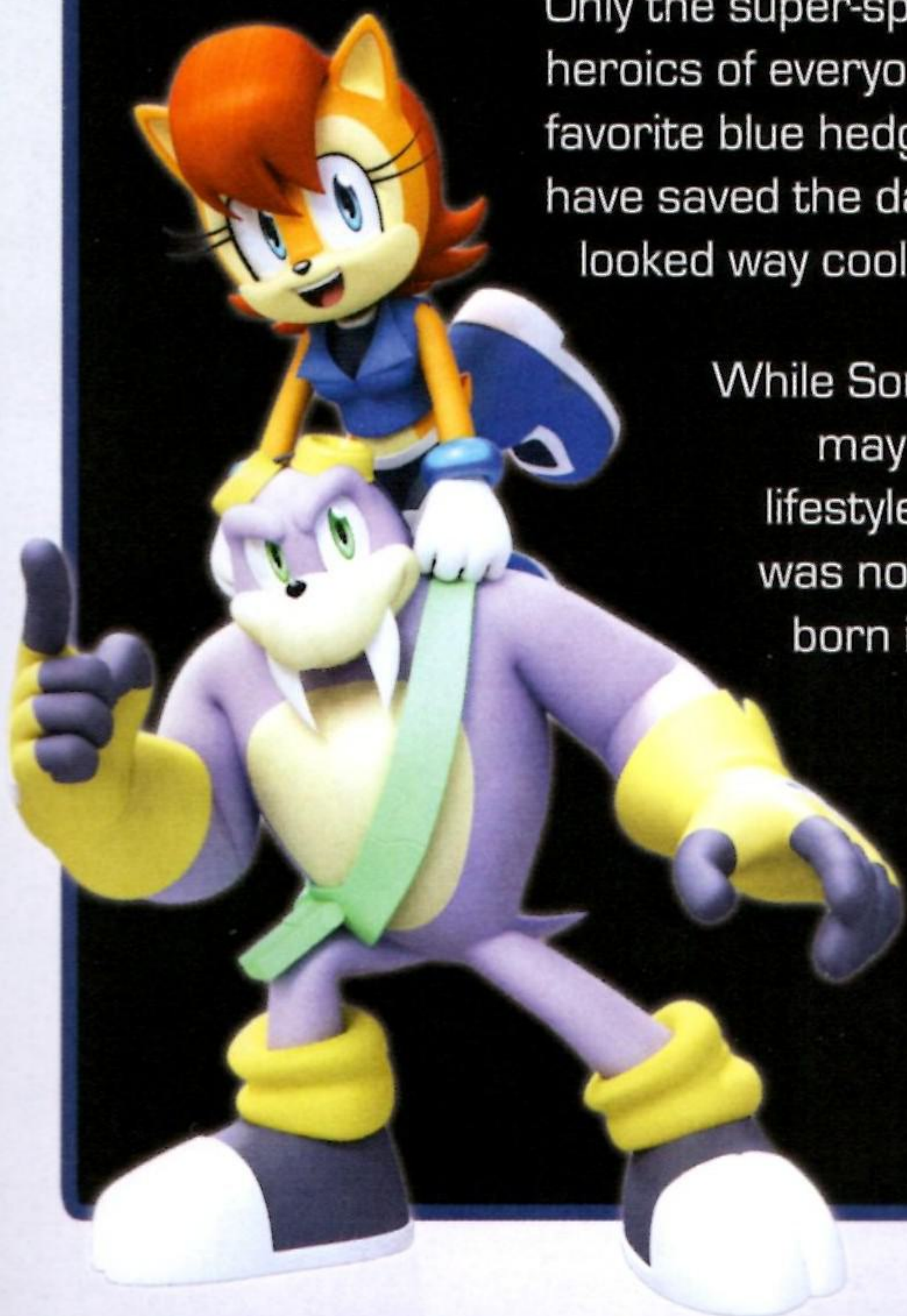
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND



THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
SALLY, ANTOINE, NICOLE, AMY,
BUNNIE & ROTOR



DR. EGGMAN
MAD SCIENTIST





SAL!

GET DOWN!

ABOARD THE
SKY PATROL
--TRAINING
SIMULATOR

HA HA HA HA HA

YO, NICOLE!
THIS EXERCISE IS
SUPPOSED TO BE
"CHALLENGING,"
NOT "MENTALLY
SCARRING!"

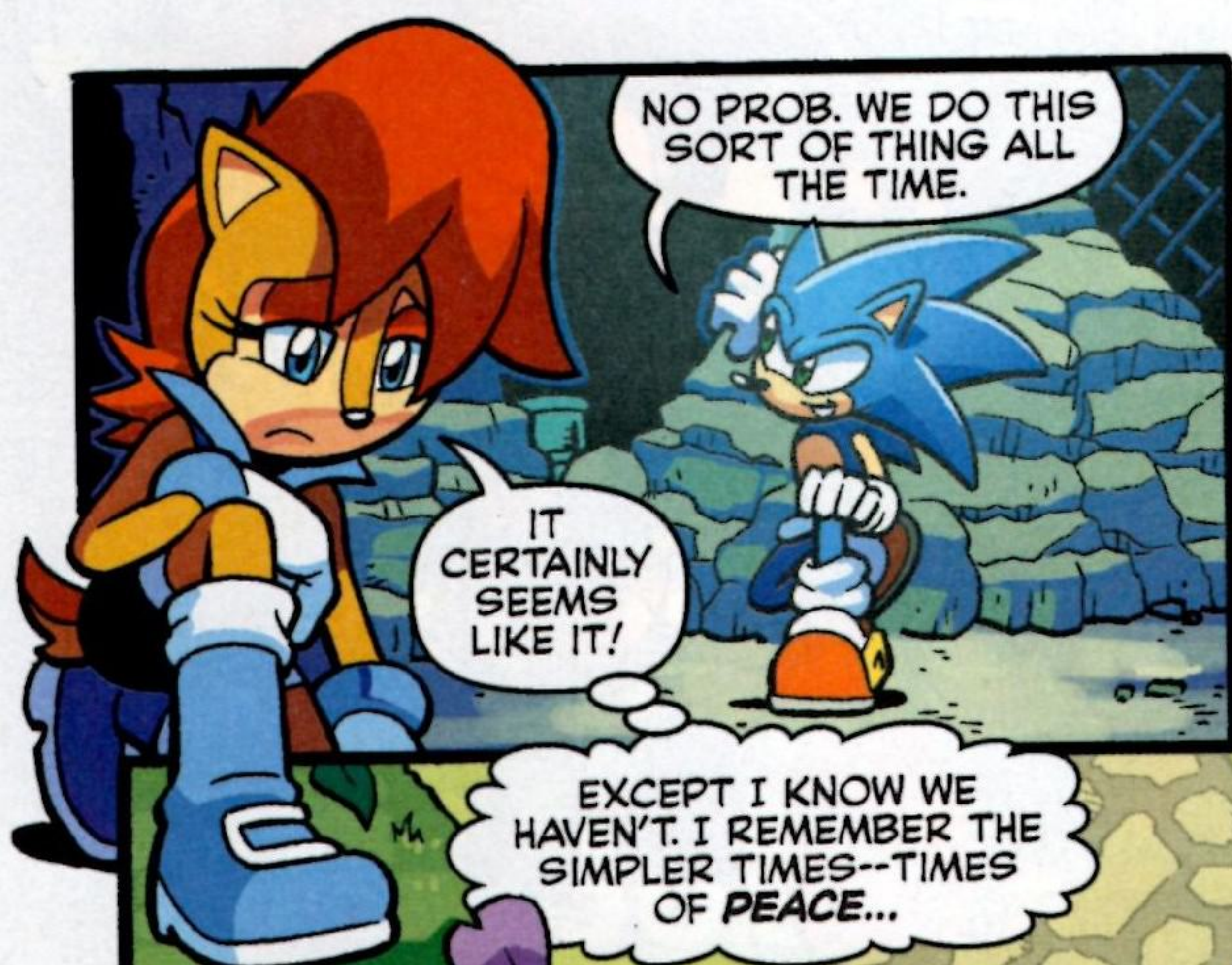
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SALLY--THE EXILED LEADER

Uh-HUH.
THANKS FOR
THE SAVE.



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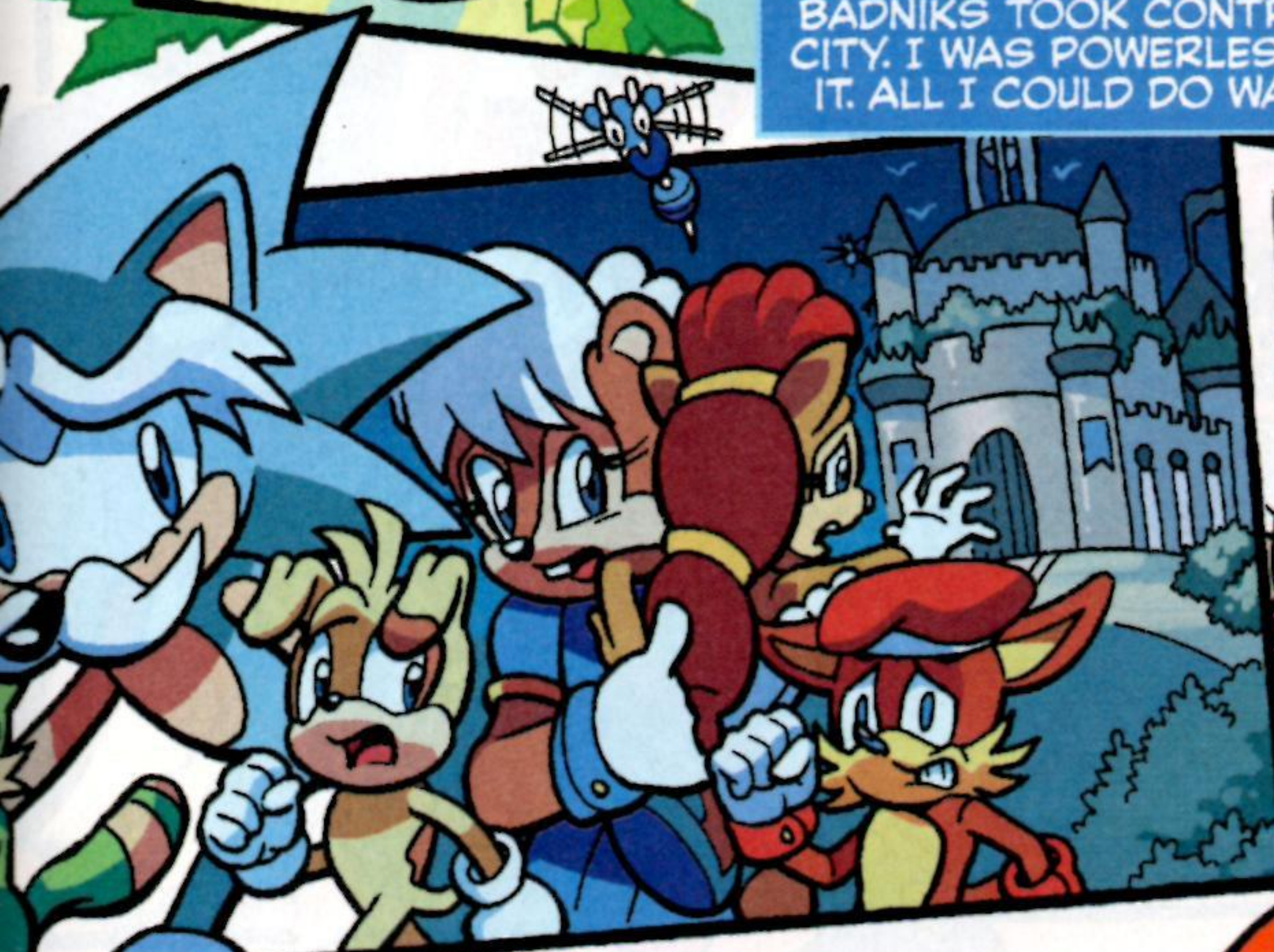


"MY FATHER HAD BEEN BETRAYED BY HIS ADVISOR-- THE MAN WHO WE'VE COME TO KNOW AS **DR. EGGMAN**.



"DADDY AND THE ROYAL WIZARD, **NAUGUS**, HAD BEEN TRICKED AND BANISHED TO THE **SPECIAL ZONE**.

"WE FLED INTO THE NIGHT AND THE **BADNIKS** TOOK CONTROL OF THE CITY. I WAS POWERLESS TO STOP IT. ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH.



"WE HID IN THE VILLAGE OF **KNOTHOLE**, DEEP IN THE **WOOD ZONE**.



BUT EVEN THAT REMOTE VILLAGE WASN'T COMPLETELY SAFE. WE COULD RUN BUT WE COULDN'T HIDE FOREVER.



WE WERE ORPHANS AND RUNAWAYS. WE WERE WOUNDED, FRIGHTENED AND LOST. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EASY TO CURL UP IN THE SHADOWS AND GIVE UP.

"BUT 'EASY' WOULDN'T AVENGE THE FALLEN.

"'EASY' WOULDN'T BRING JUSTICE OR GET MY KINGDOM BACK.

"INSPIRED BY SONIC'S HEROISM, I BROUGHT TOGETHER **THE--**



FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

"TOGETHER WE FOUGHT THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. WE RESCUED MY FATHER, RESTORED MY KINGDOM, AND TIME AND AGAIN WE FOILED DR. EGGMAN'S PLANS TO CONQUER THE WORLD."

"IT BECAME MY NEW LIFE--ONE THAT I LOVED..."

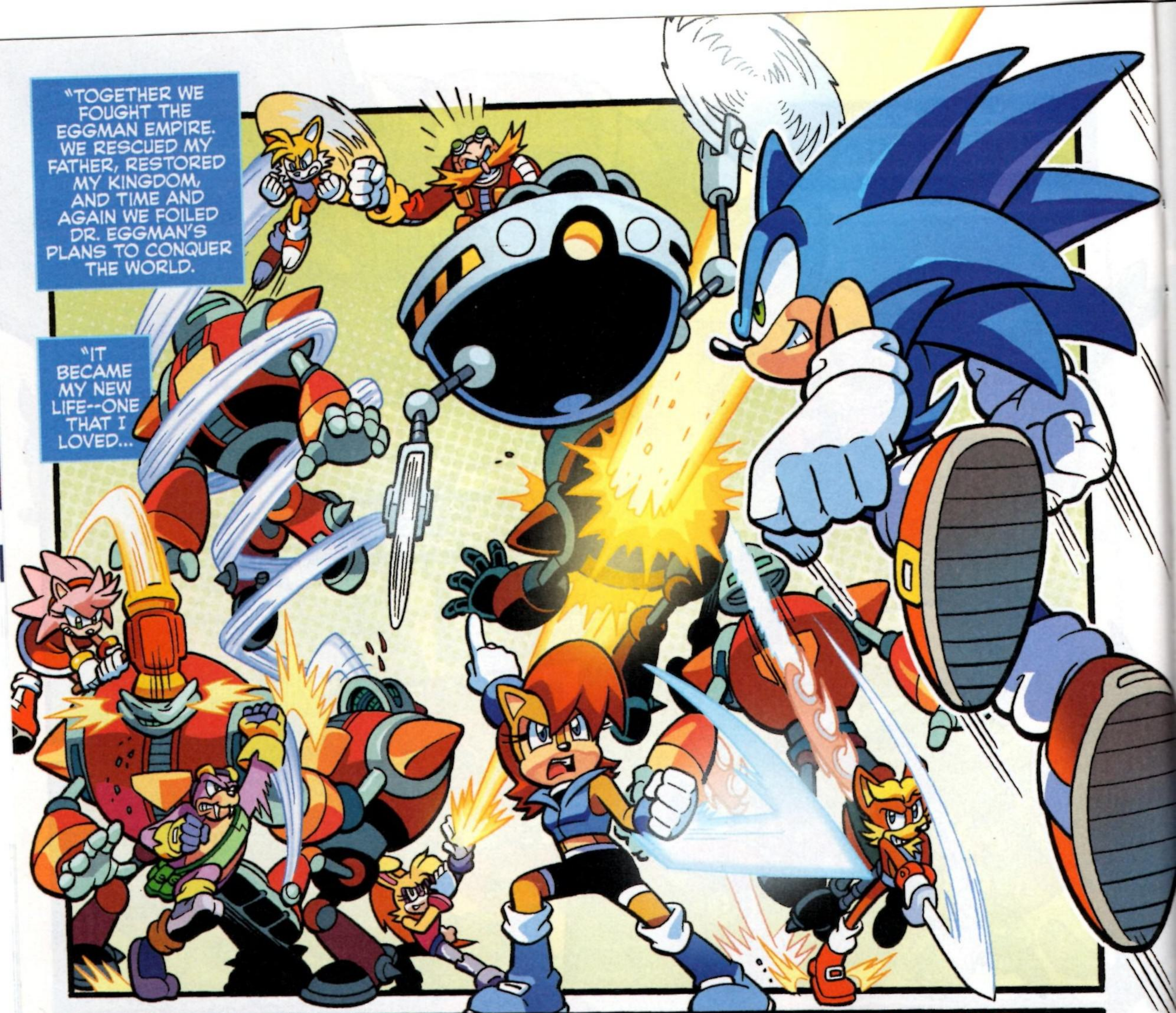
"...AND ONE THAT I WAS SURE I'D HAVE TO GIVE UP ONE DAY."

DADDY...I'VE COME TO **BEG** YOU TO LET ME STAY WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

WE DO SO MUCH **GOOD** TOGETHER! I REALIZE I'M THE PRINCESS, AND I HAVE OBLIGATIONS TO THE KINGDOM, BUT...

SALLY, YOU **HONOR** OUR KINGDOM WITH YOUR SELFLESS HEROISM. AND WHILE I'LL ALWAYS WORRY FOR MY LITTLE GIRL, IT WOULD BE **MADNESS** ON MY PART TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR TEAM.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. I WILL HANDLE THE MATTERS OF STATE **HERE**. YOU STAY WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND PROTECT THE **WORLD**.





COME TO THINK OF IT... YES, THE PEACEFUL TIMES WERE GOOD.

THE ROAD HAS BEEN HARD. BUT I'VE FOUND SUCH WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND SUCH A GREAT PURPOSE--I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING.

YO, SAL! YOU GONNA COORDINATE THE TEAM OR WHAT?



SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER **WAIT** FOR ME TO HAVE A PLAN?

SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER TAKE SO LONG TO COME UP WITH ONE?

QUIT DODGING MY QUESTIONS AND START DODGING ATTACKS. I NEED YOU TO COVER ME WHILE I LINK UP WITH ANTOINE AND BUNNIE.

CAN DO. ON YOUR MARK!



MARK!

TIME TO SQUASH THAT GIANT BUG!

"I WAS BORN TO LEAD, AND ONE DAY I'LL TAKE THE THRONE. UNTIL THEN, I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY LEADING MY **FREEDOM FIGHTERS!**"



HAHAHAHA

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**ROTOR--THE
EXILED INVENTOR**

BOOM!

ARE YOU
AIMING AT
ME OR WHAT,
YA HUNK
O' JUNK?

SONIC'S ON THE
MOVE--AND THAT
SCORPIUS-THING IS
RIGHT BEHIND HIM! IT
LOOKS LIKE SALLY
IS REGROUPING
WITH ANTOINE...

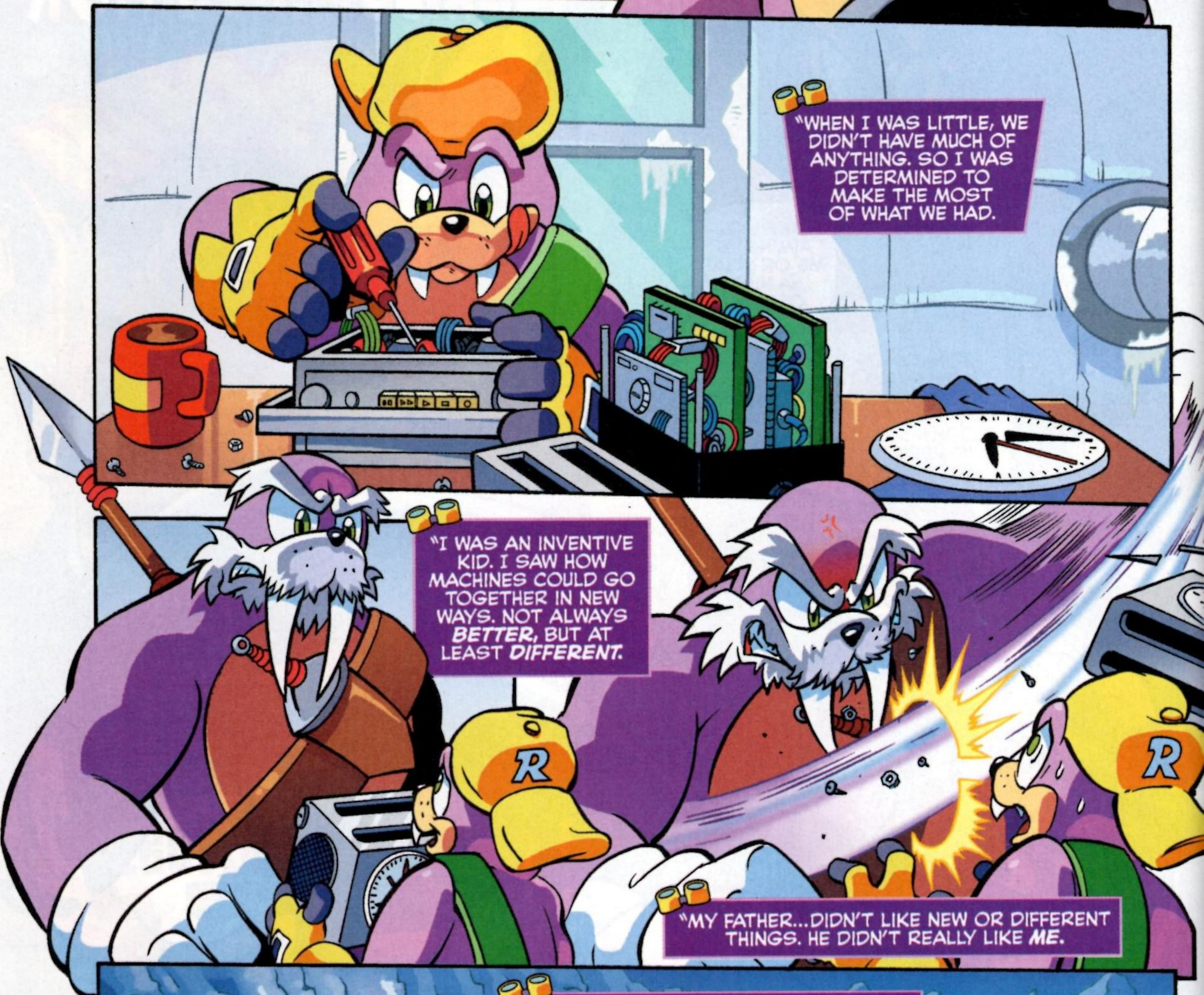
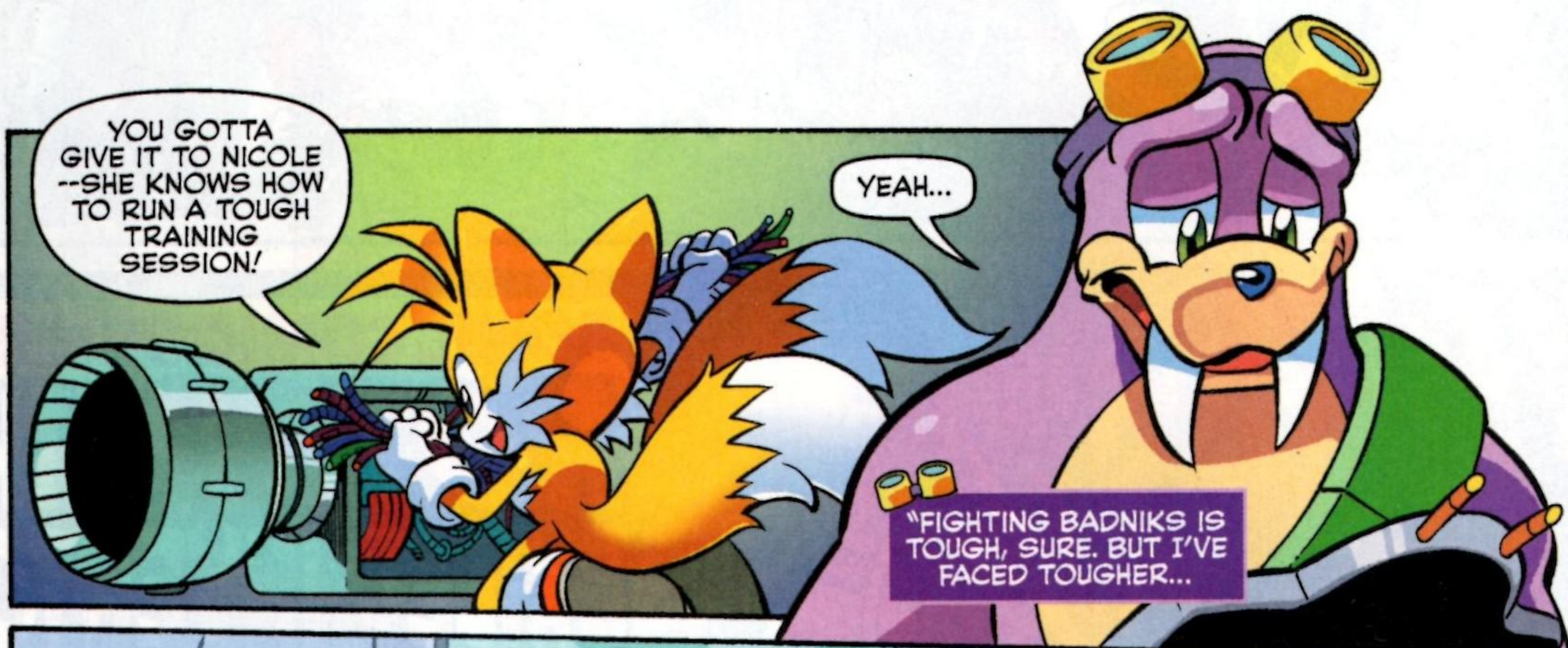
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WALRUS
BATTLE
MECHANIC

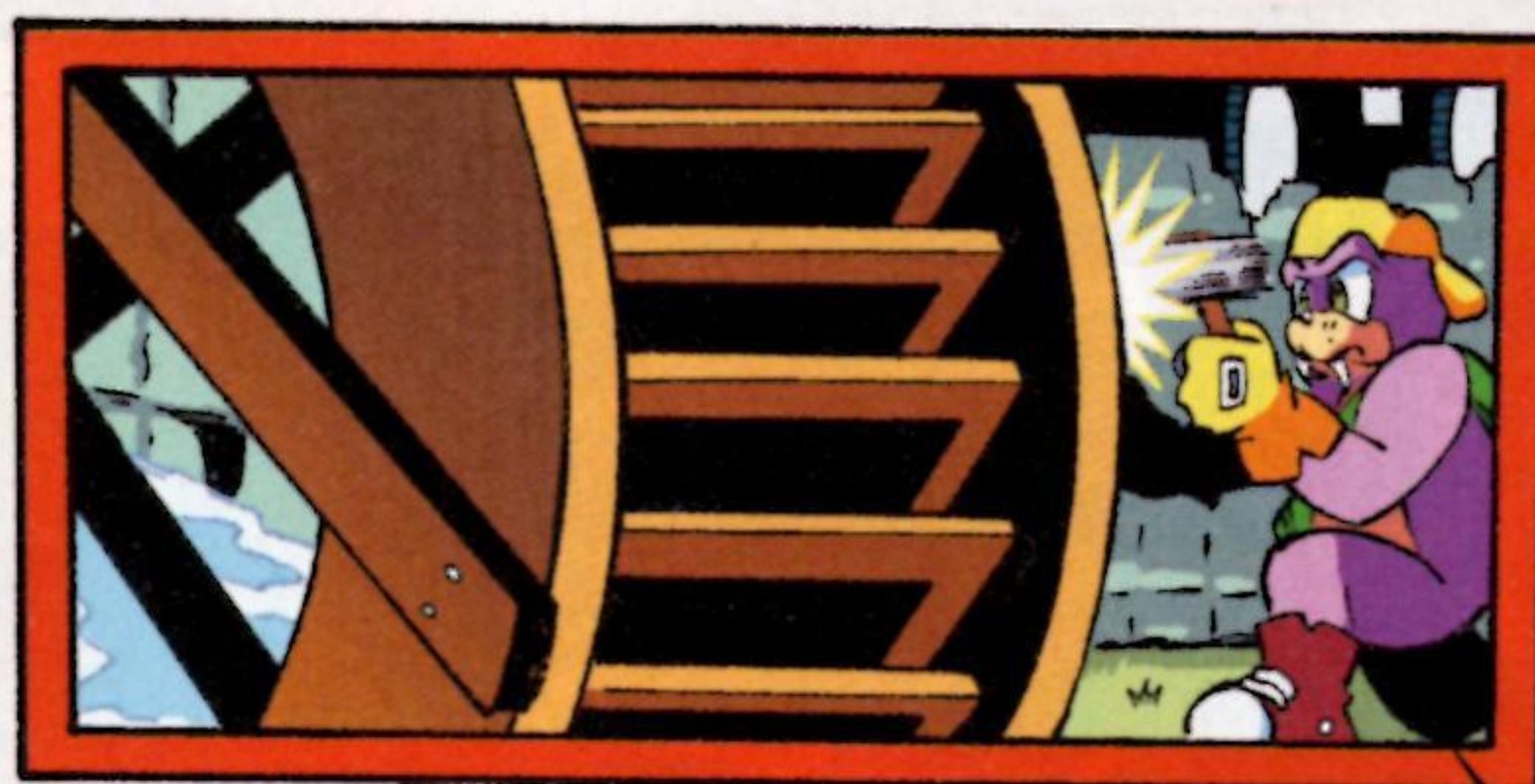
MILES
"TAILS"
PROWER
YOUNG
GENIUS

GOOD! THAT
MEANS SHE HAS
A PLAN. WE NEED
TO HURRY UP AND
GET THIS CANNON
WORKING.

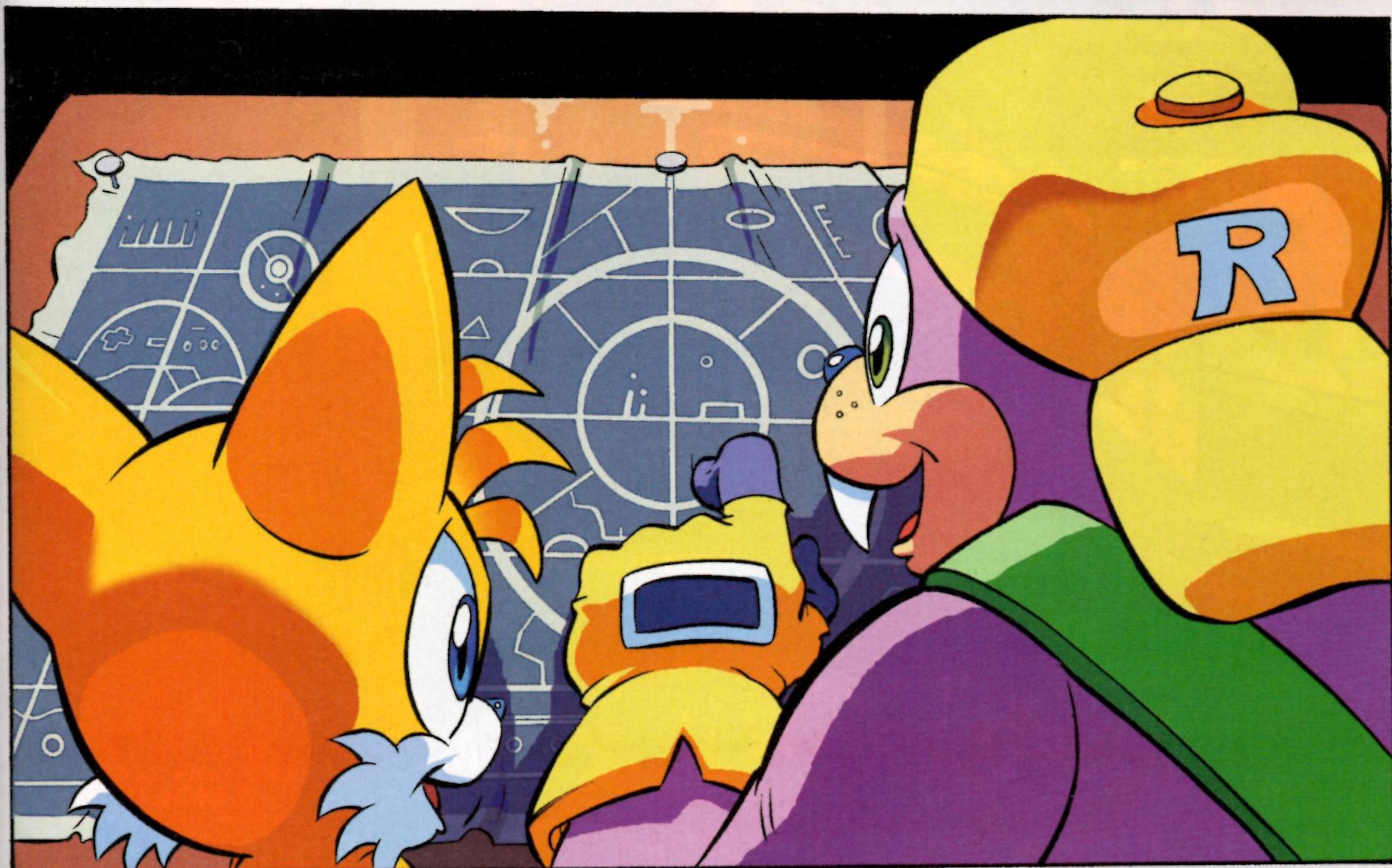
ABOARD THE
SKY PATROL
--TRAINING
SIMULATOR

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
(AS IF
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW!)



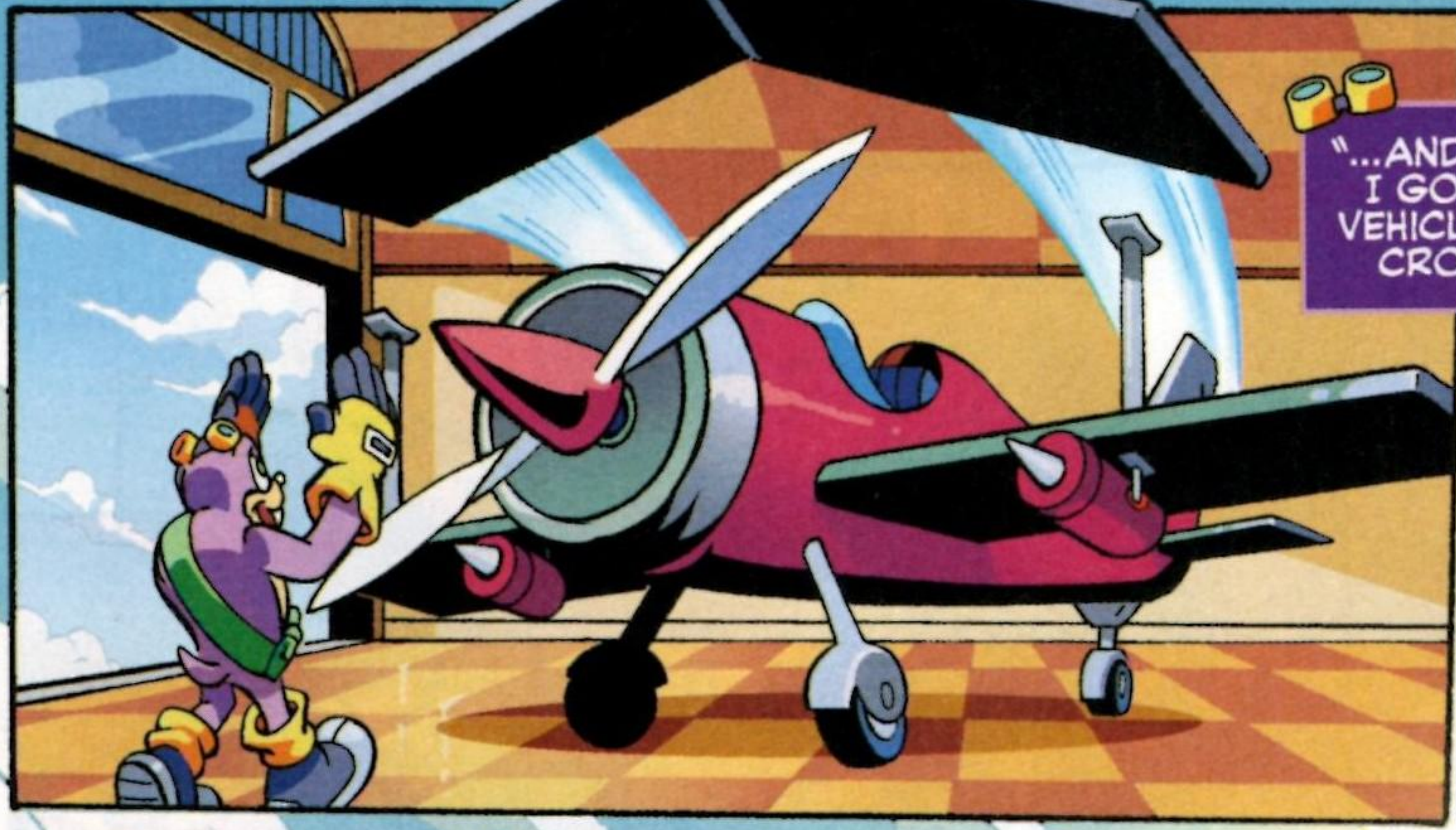


"THEY NEEDED A LOT OF NEW AND DIFFERENT IDEAS."



A large, purple and orange robot with a green visor and a red body is being fought by Sonic the Hedgehog and Tails. Sonic is giving a thumbs up while Tails is attacking the robot's leg with a spin attack.

"I DIDN'T NEED ANY
CONVINCING TO JOIN THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
IT FELT GOOD TO APPLY
MYSELF, SMASH SOME
BADNIKS, DO SOME
GOOD..."

Dr. Eggman is in a workshop, working on a red and black propeller plane. He is using a wrench on the engine. The plane has a propeller and a single engine.

"...AND **BUILD!** Oh, THE THINGS
I GOT TO BUILD! WEAPONS,
VEHICLES, DOO-DADS, AND MY
CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT..."

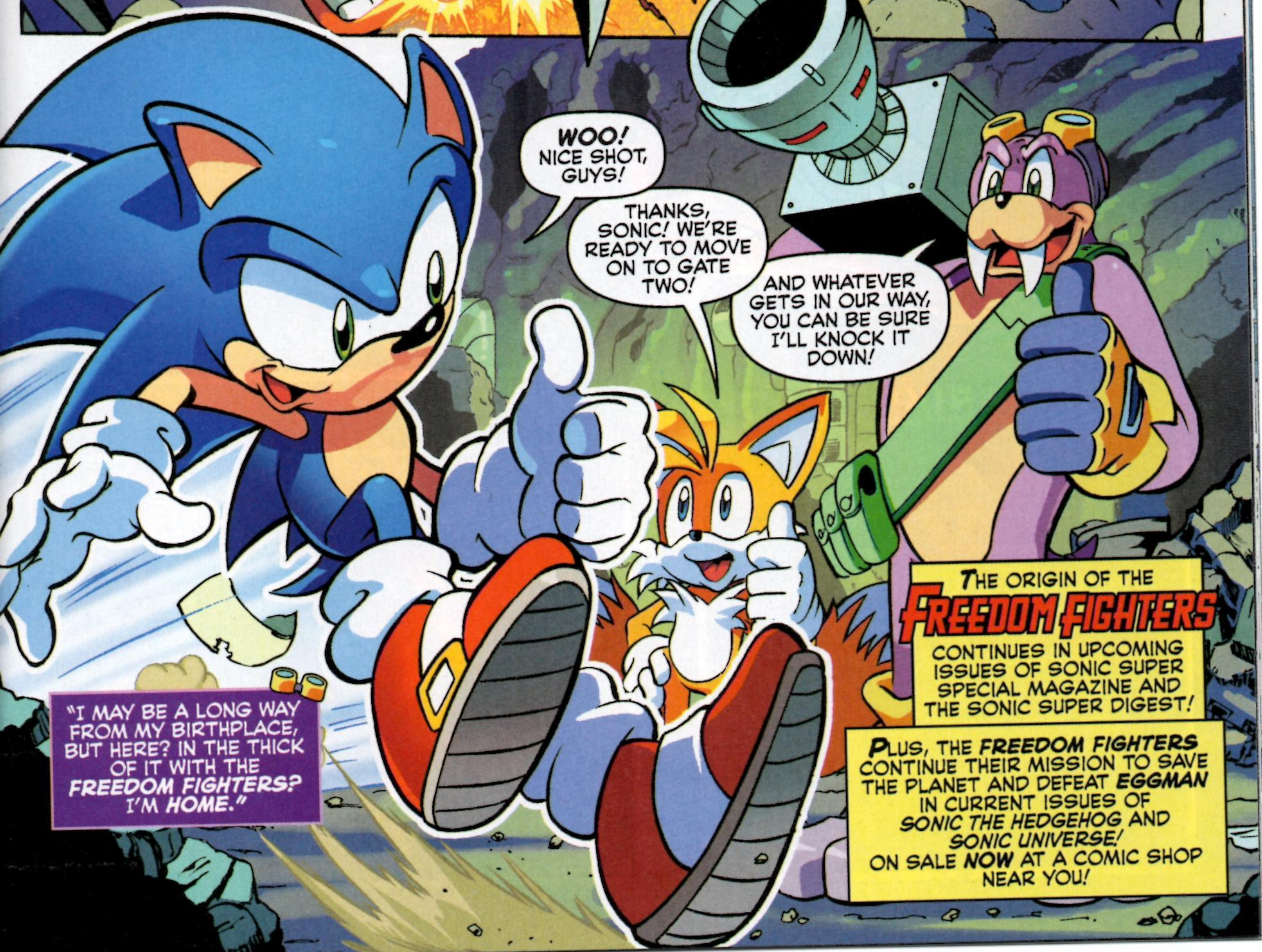
A small icon of a wrench and a screwdriver.

"...THE

SKY PATROL!

"...BATTLESHIP,
HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME,
HEADQUARTERS--
SHE DOES EVERYTHING!"





THERE! WHU--
SORRY?
I'VE GOT THE
WIRING SORTED
OUT.

ALRIGHT,
LET'S BRING
THE THUNDER
TO THAT
BOT!

YEAH!
AND NOT--
Y'KNOW--
HAVE IT
BLOW UP
IN OUR
FACES.

HAHAHARRRRGH...*

VMMMMMMM

BOOM

YEAH!
YEAH!
THAT'LL
DO
NICELY!

WOO!
NICE SHOT,
GUYS!

THANKS,
SONIC! WE'RE
READY TO MOVE
ON TO GATE
TWO!

AND WHATEVER
GETS IN OUR WAY,
YOU CAN BE SURE
I'LL KNOCK IT
DOWN!

"I MAY BE A LONG WAY
FROM MY BIRTHPLACE,
BUT HERE? IN THE THICK
OF IT WITH THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS?
I'M HOME."

THE ORIGIN OF THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS

CONTINUES IN UPCOMING
ISSUES OF SONIC SUPER
SPECIAL MAGAZINE AND
THE SONIC SUPER DIGEST!

PLUS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
CONTINUE THEIR MISSION TO SAVE
THE PLANET AND DEFEAT EGGMAN
IN CURRENT ISSUES OF
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND
SONIC UNIVERSE!
ON SALE NOW AT A COMIC SHOP
NEAR YOU!

SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG

THE STORY SO FAR...



THE EGGMAN ARRIVES

Welcome to Sonic's world! Once a lush and wondrous land, it was nearly ruined by the conquest of Dr. Ivo "Eggman" Robotnik. The Eggman Empire has gone by many styles and many names, but its standards for evil are known worldwide. Dr. Eggman's Badnik Horde threatened the whole planet, and half the planet's citizens were enslaved, turned into mindless robots through the process of "roboticization."



THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

But there are many who stand against the doctor, most famously Sonic the Hedgehog. He runs at the speed of sound, he shatters Badniks with his rolling Spin Dash, and is the coolest hedgehog around (and he knows it, too). Joining him are the Freedom Fighters – his long-time friends who've grown up fighting the Eggman Empire.

SONIC STRIKES BACK!

After Dr. Eggman's initial take-over, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters struck back from their village of Knothole, hidden in the Great Forest. Their little rebellion grew, and they managed to retake their home city of Mobotropolis for a time. But Dr. Eggman would not stay defeated for long.



ALTERED REALITY

The war has been long and costly. From base to base, city to city, continent to continent, to space and back – Sonic and Dr. Eggman have been battling for the fate of the entire planet for years! In their most recent brawl, the mad doctor used a reality-warping device known as the Genesis Wave to completely alter Sonic's world! Combined with Sonic's Chaos Control, the results were unimaginable.



SYSTEM RESET

Waking up to an alternate world was quite the shock. Sonic's previous memories of his original world became hazy and new memories from the alternate reality started to form. On top of that, strange tremors were occurring all over the world! Although he was concerned about the situation, the Blue Blur knew that as long as he and his friends were together, they could overcome any obstacle! With the help of the his best buddy Tails, and the A.I. Nicole, Sonic re-gathered the Freedom Fighters.



THE SHATTERED WORLD

Just when things started to take a turn for the better, Sonic's world began to tear itself apart. The instability of reality and the collapse of the multiverse triggered this planet-sized catastrophe, and it could spell the end for Sonic's world! It is now up to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to set things right and restore their broken home! ■



AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES!

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